

# Council Highlights

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## Pink Shirt Day Support

Stand Up Against Bullying



Mayor McMillan, Councillor Lockie, and CAO David Barrick proudly rocked pink shirts at the Council meeting to stand against bullying! Did you know that all proceeds from Pink Shirt Day support anti-bullying initiatives? To learn more and how you can help please visit: [pinkshirtday.ca](http://pinkshirtday.ca)

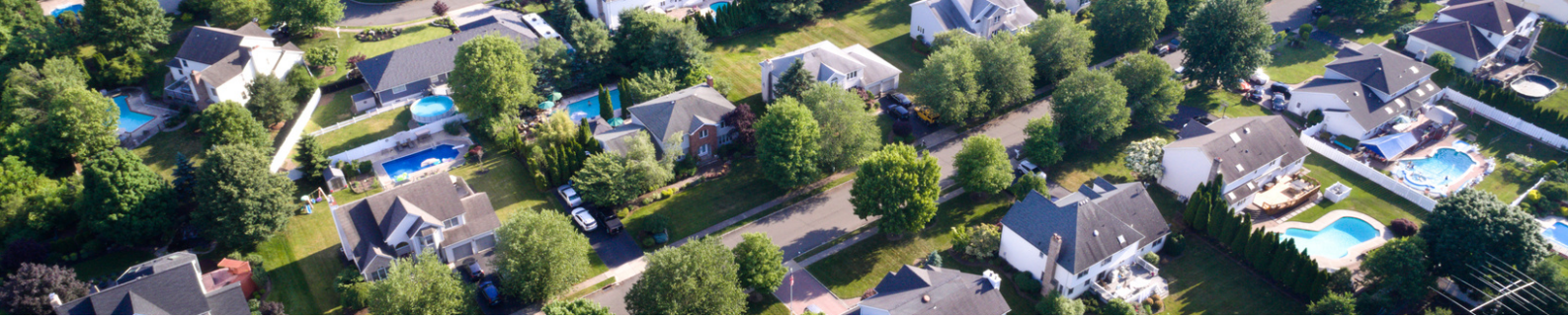
## Special Events

Cornfest & Movie Nights Coming Your Way!

The Special Events Committee is truly making waves in Thames Centre by infusing it with excitement! With Council's approval, they've rebranded Bridgifest to Cornfest. This event is slated for Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Dorchester Community Park. Additionally, Council has approved two movie nights, one in Dorchester and another in Thorndale, adding even more entertainment to our calendar! Thames Centre, get ready for a fantastic lineup of events—we're looking forward to seeing you there and to see what other events the Special Event Committee brings our way!

[Learn more](#)





## Request for Comprehensive Review

### Promoting Social and Economic Prosperity Support

Council supported Consent Agenda Item 10.1, requesting that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario. This resolution will now be sent to The Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy - Ontario's Minister of Finance, Rob Flack - MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

[Learn more](#)

## Affordability of Water & Wastewater Systems

### Rural and Small Urban Municipalities

Council supported Consent Agenda Item 10.2, advocating to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable, and advocating to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

This resolution will be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Karen Vecchio, MP, Rob Flack, MPP, AMO, ROMA, and FCM.

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**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5pm